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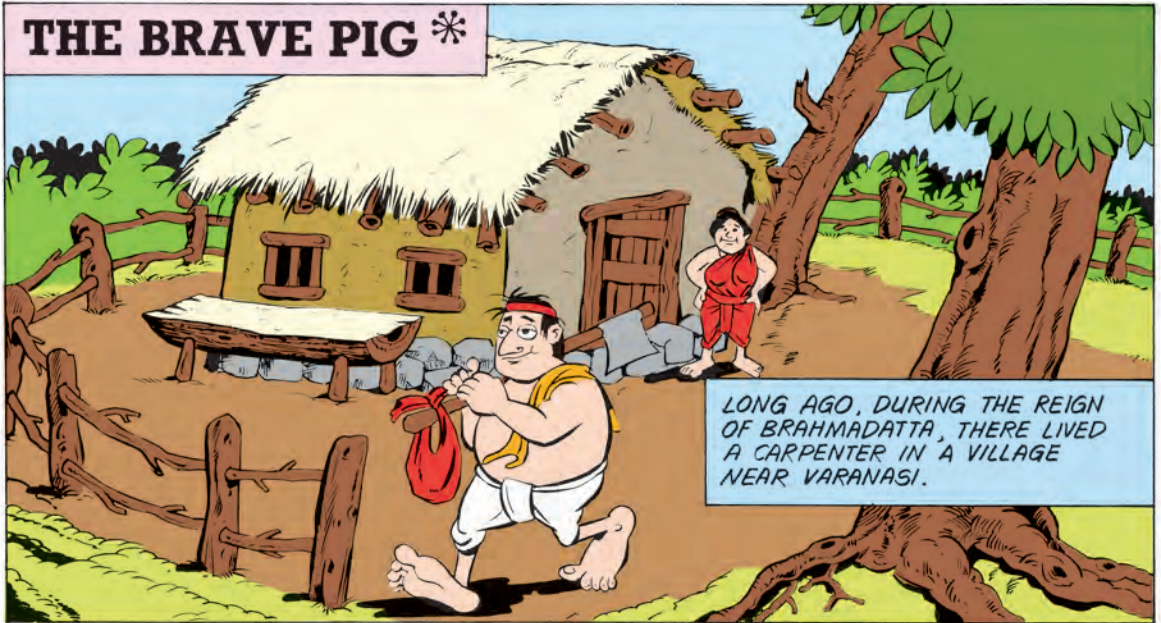
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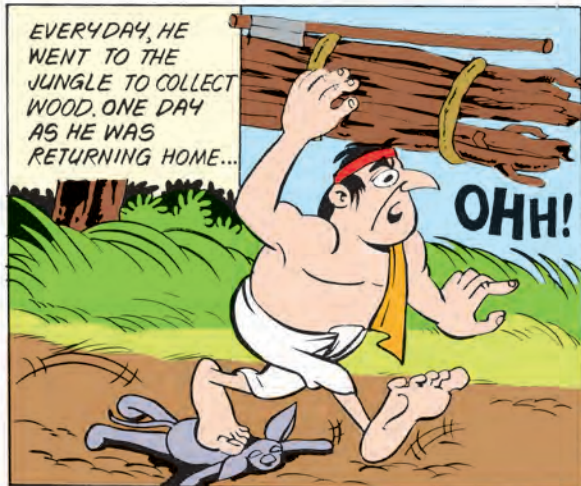
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THE BRAVE PIG *



LONG AGO, DURING THE REIGN OF BRAHMADATTA, THERE LIVED A CARPENTER IN A VILLAGE NEAR VARANASI.



EVERYDAY, HE WENT TO THE JUNGLE TO COLLECT WOOD. ONE DAY AS HE WAS RETURNING HOME...

OHH!



... HE TRIPPED OVER SOMETHING.

WHAT IS THIS? A PIGLET! POOR THING! IT MUST HAVE BEEN ABANDONED.



THE KIND-HEARTED MAN TOOK THE PIGLET HOME.



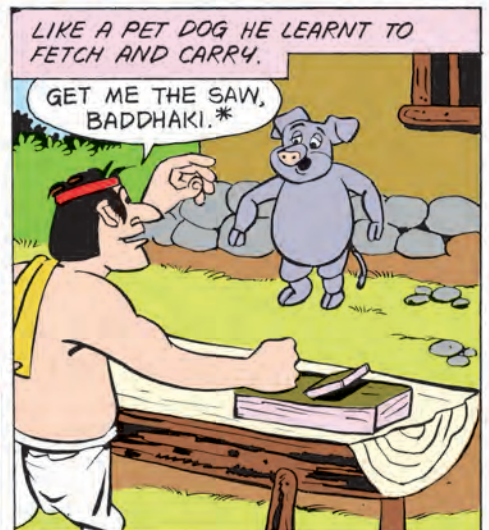
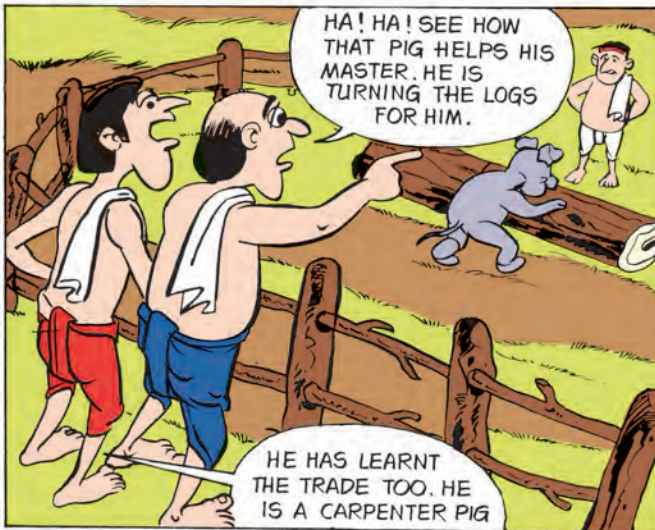
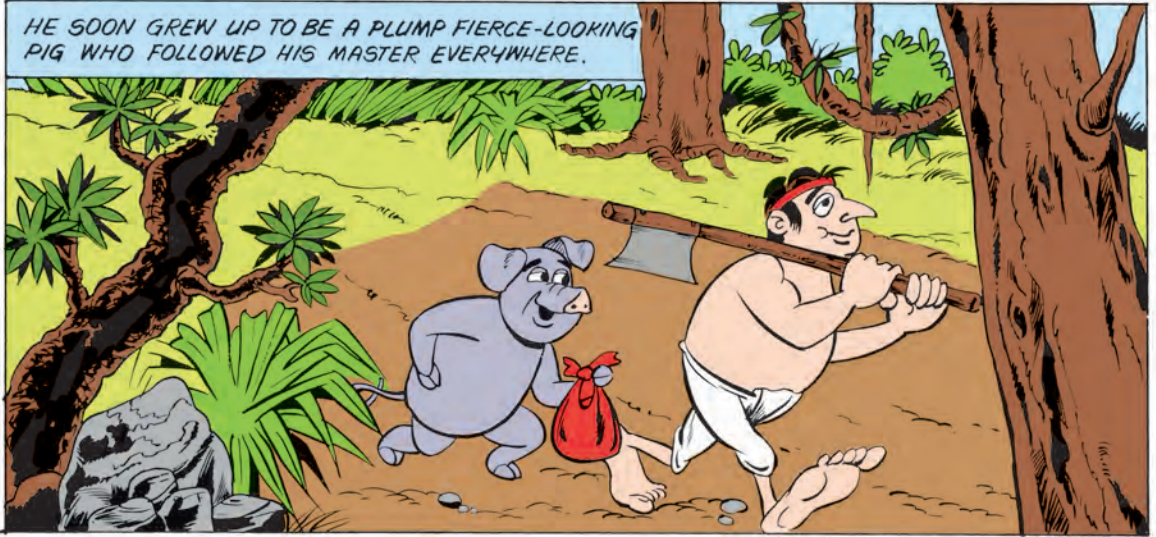
IT LOOKS SO FAMISHED!

YES, LET US GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO EAT.

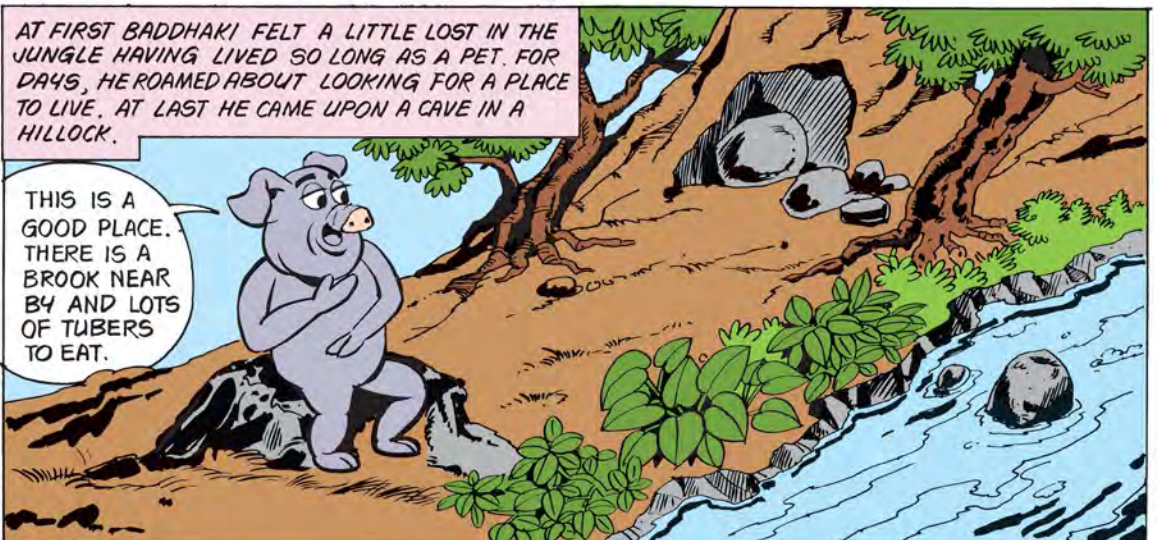
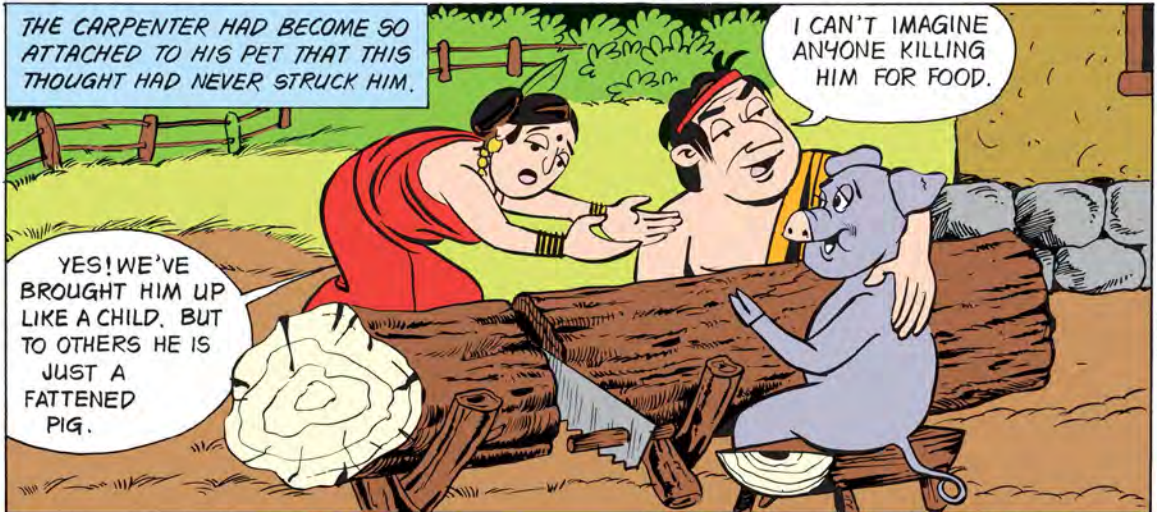


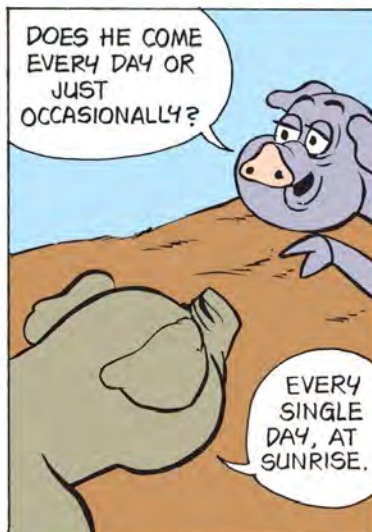
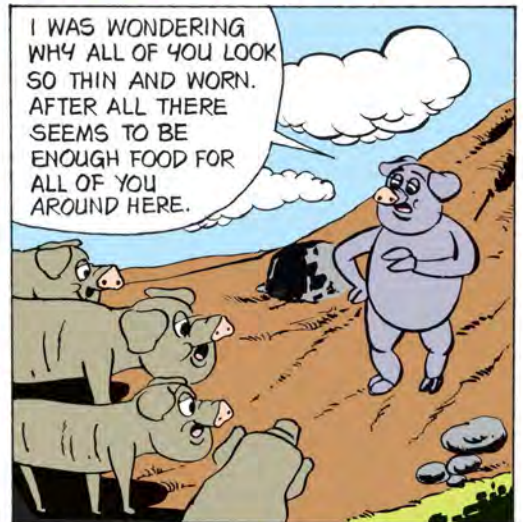
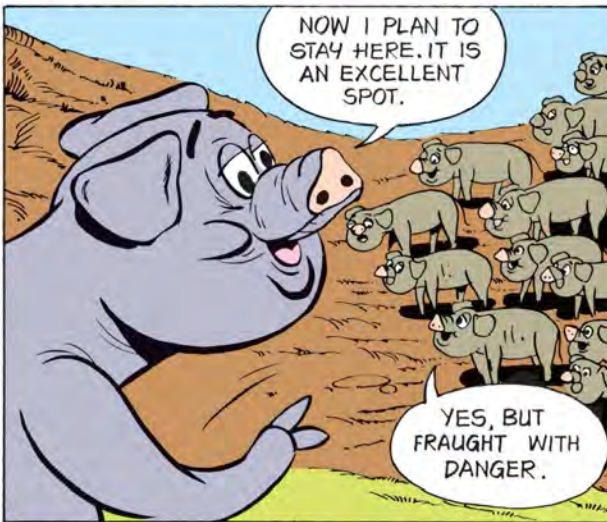
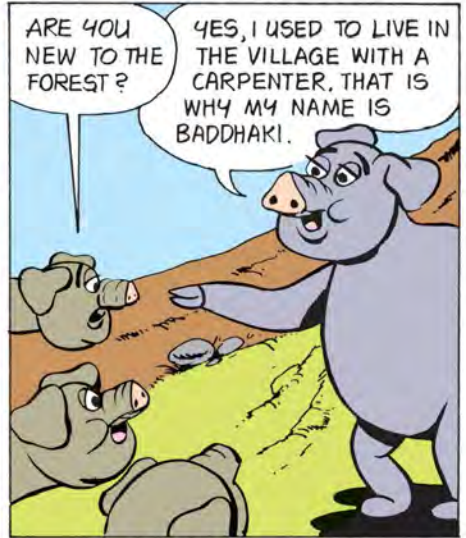
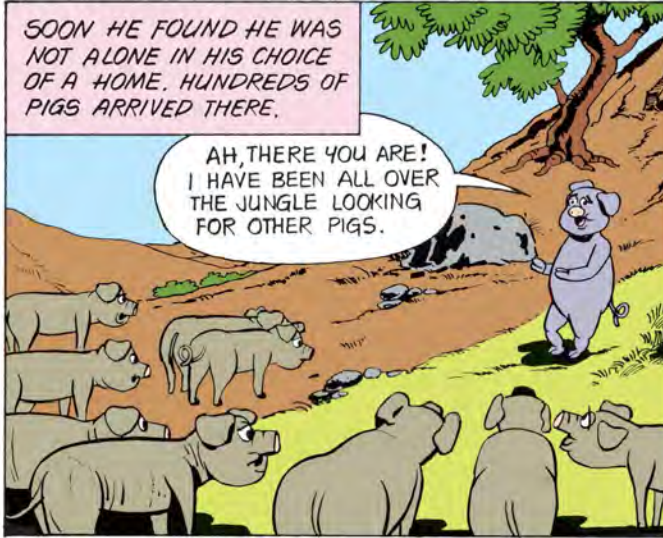
TENDERLY THE COUPLE LOOKED AFTER THE PIGLET.

HE SOON GREW UP TO BE A PLUMP FIERCE-LOOKING PIG WHO FOLLOWED HIS MASTER EVERYWHERE.



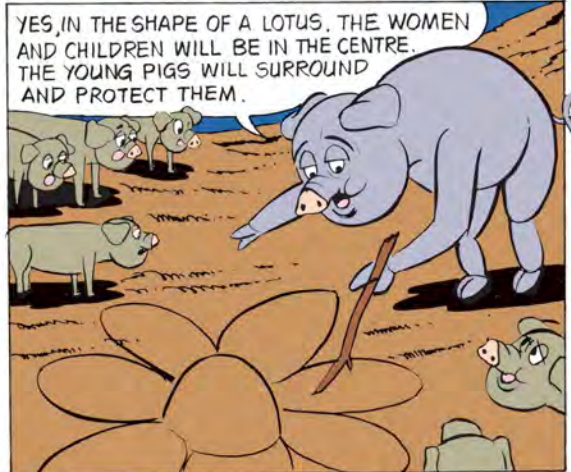
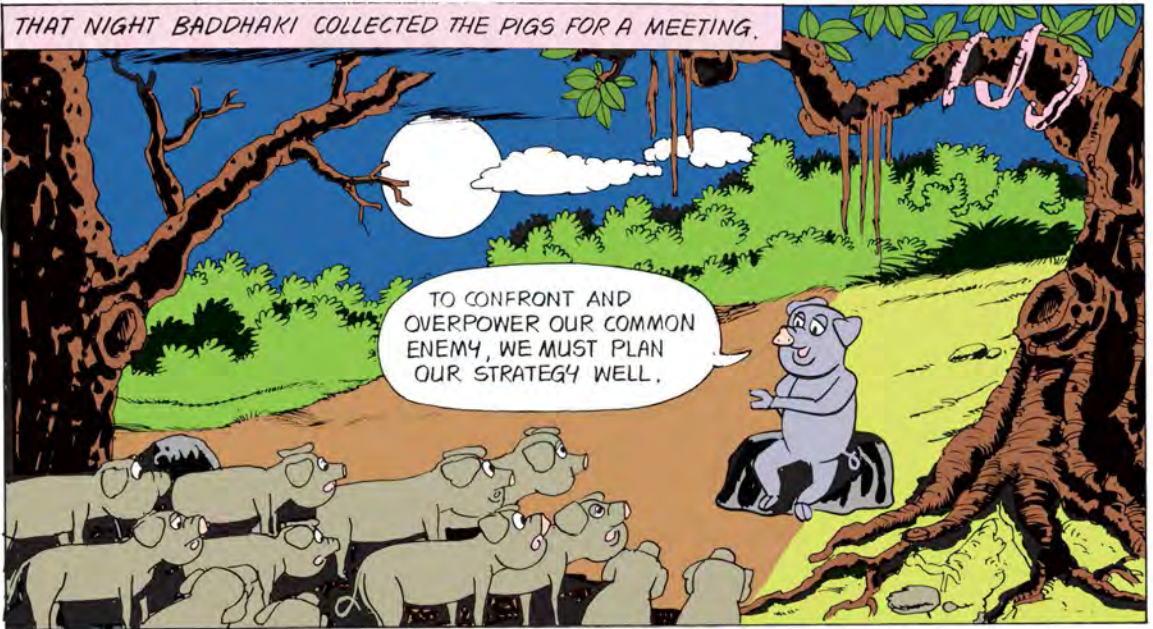
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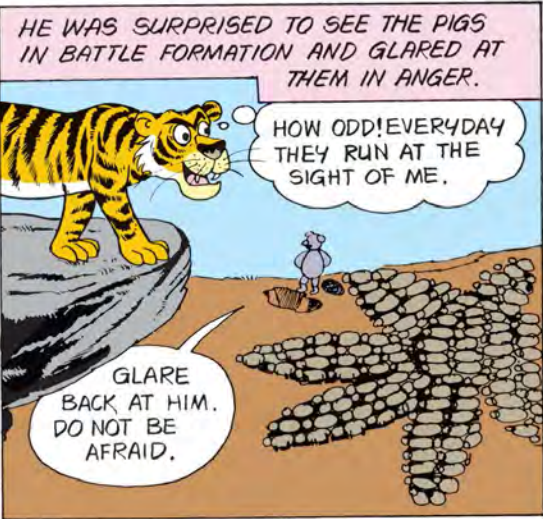
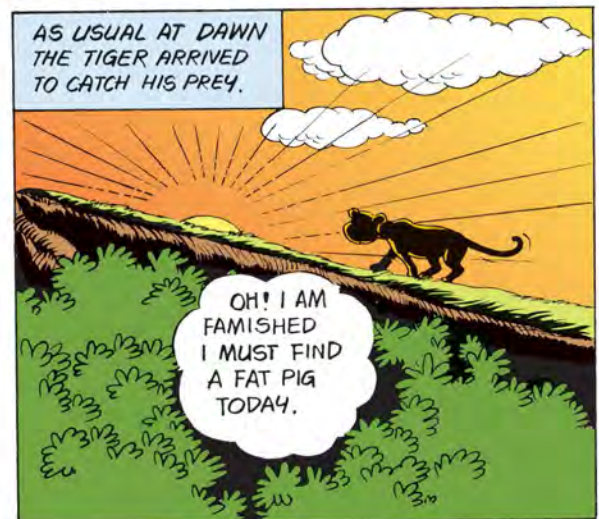
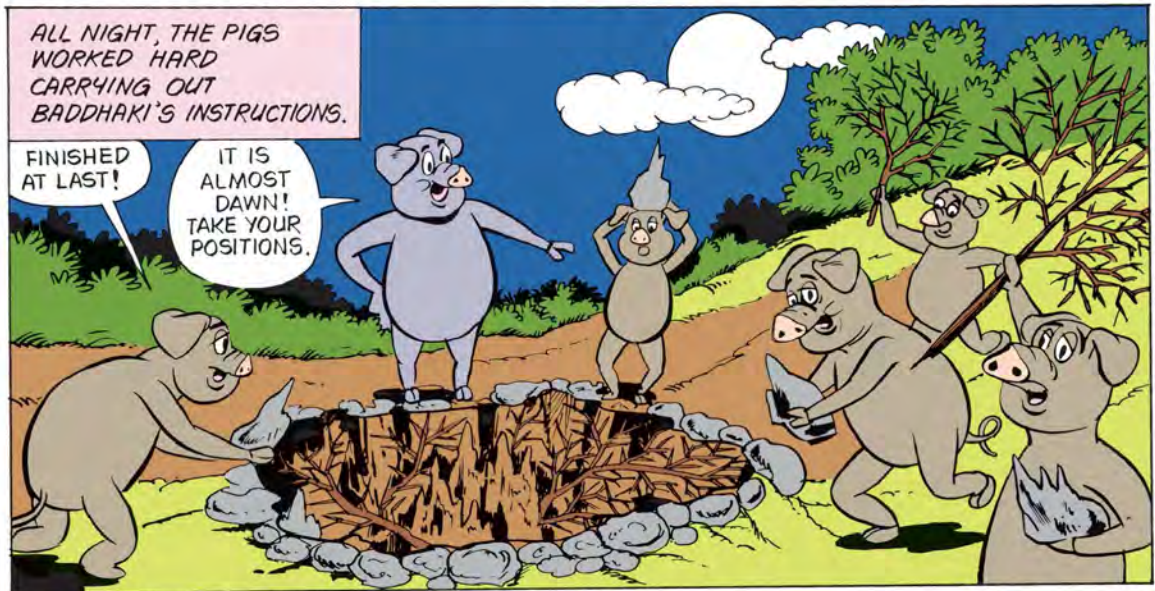
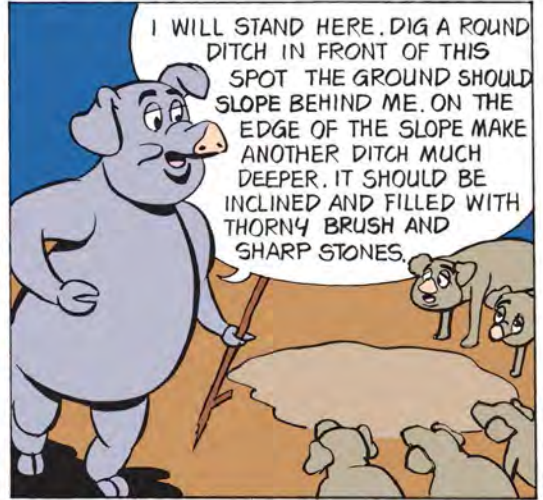
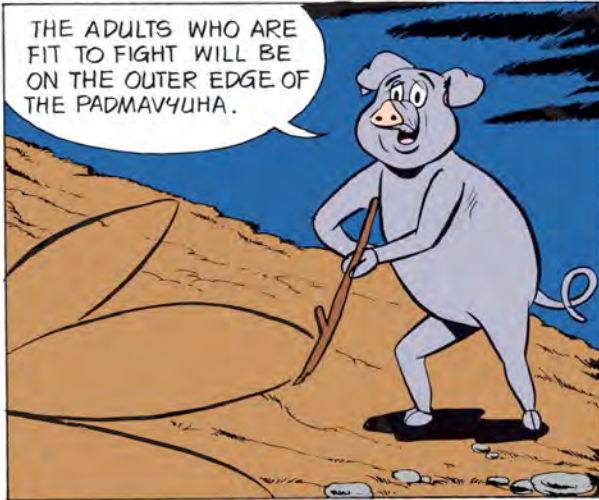




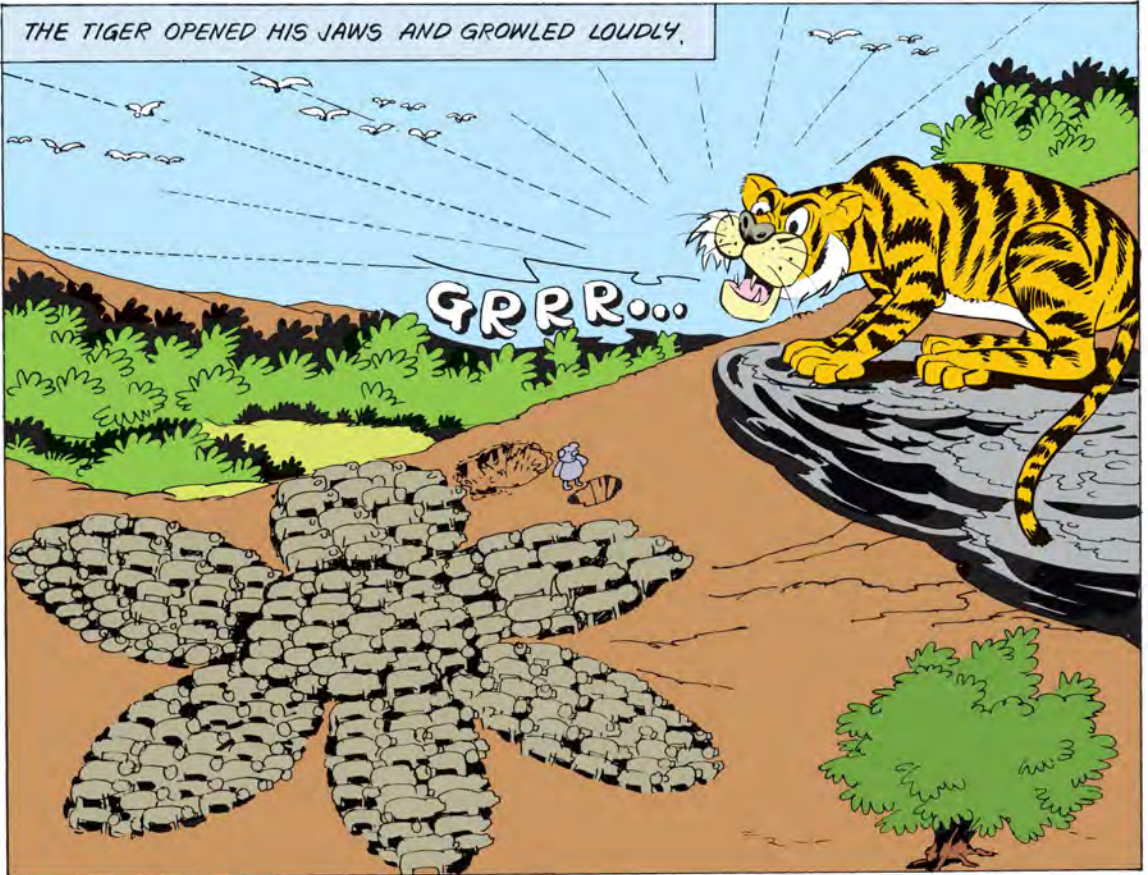


THAT NIGHT BADDHAKI COLLECTED THE PIGS FOR A MEETING.

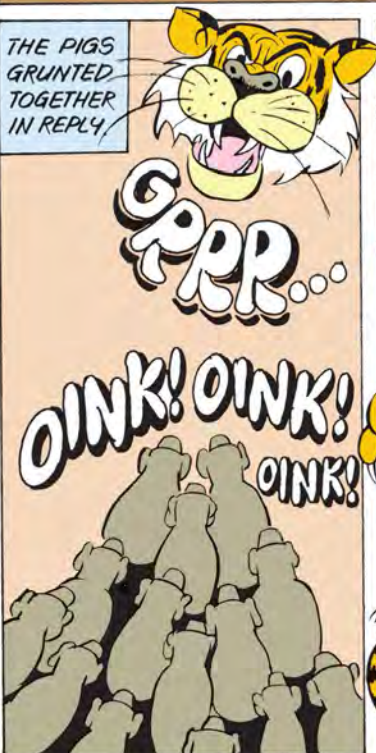




THE TIGER OPENED HIS JAWS AND GROWLED LOUDLY.



THE PIGS
GRUNTED
TOGETHER
IN REPLY.



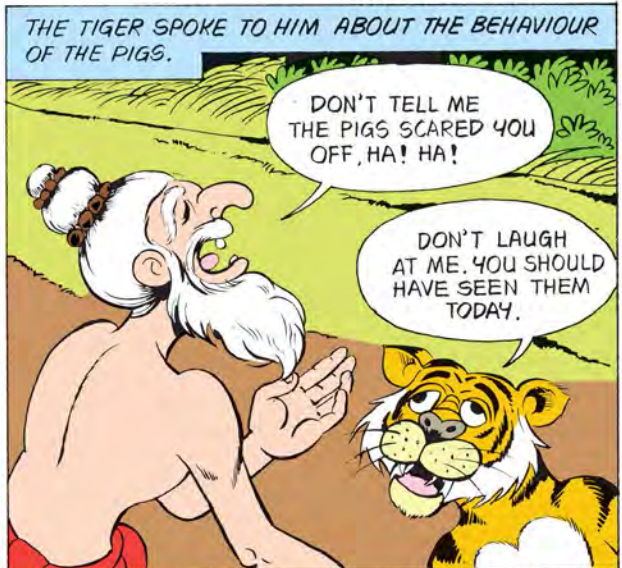
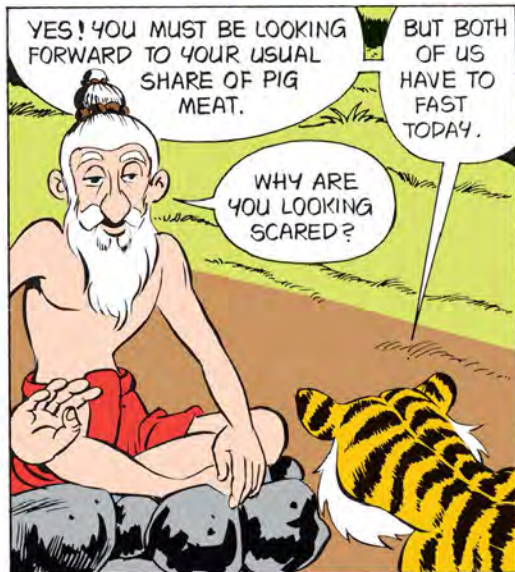
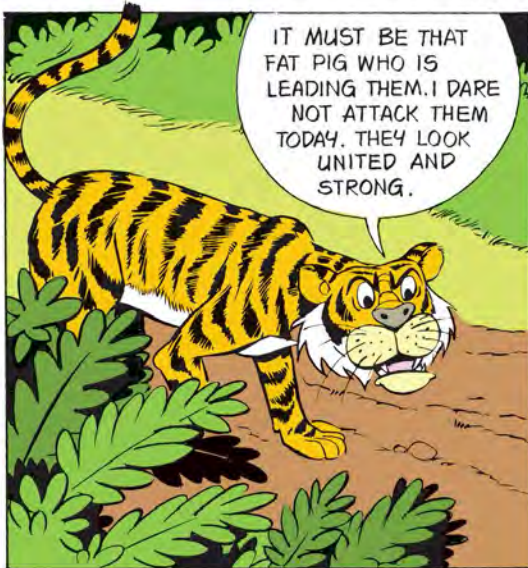
THE TIGER PRETENDED TO
POUNCE ON THEM.

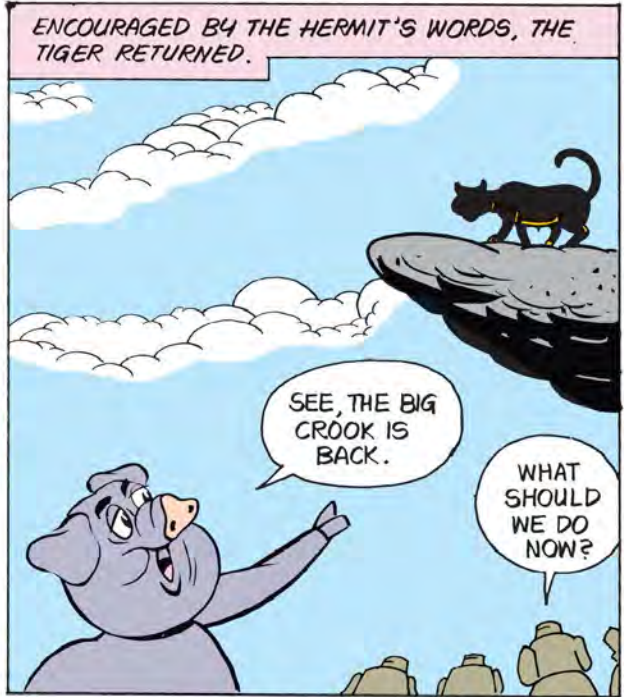
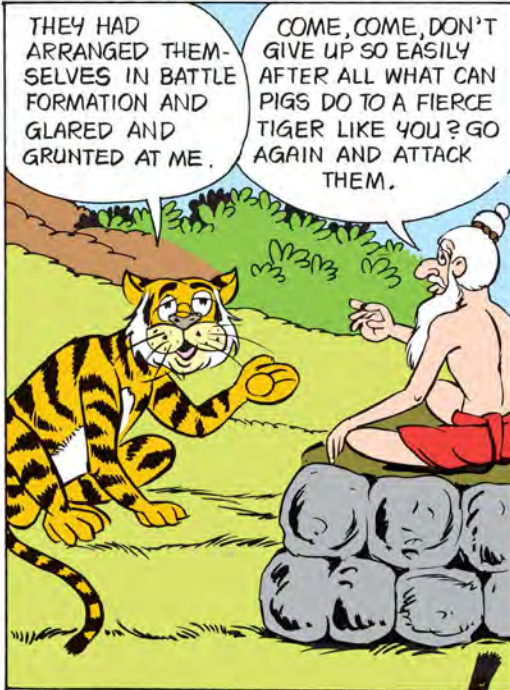
I WILL
SCARE THE
DAYLIGHTS
OUT OF
THEM.

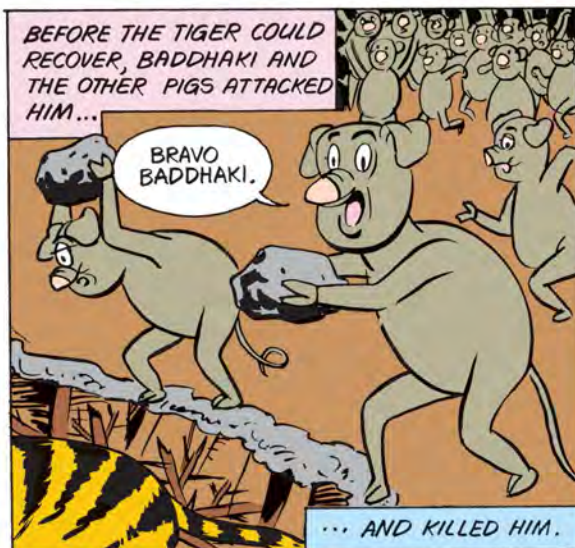


ALL THE PIGS IMITATED HIM.

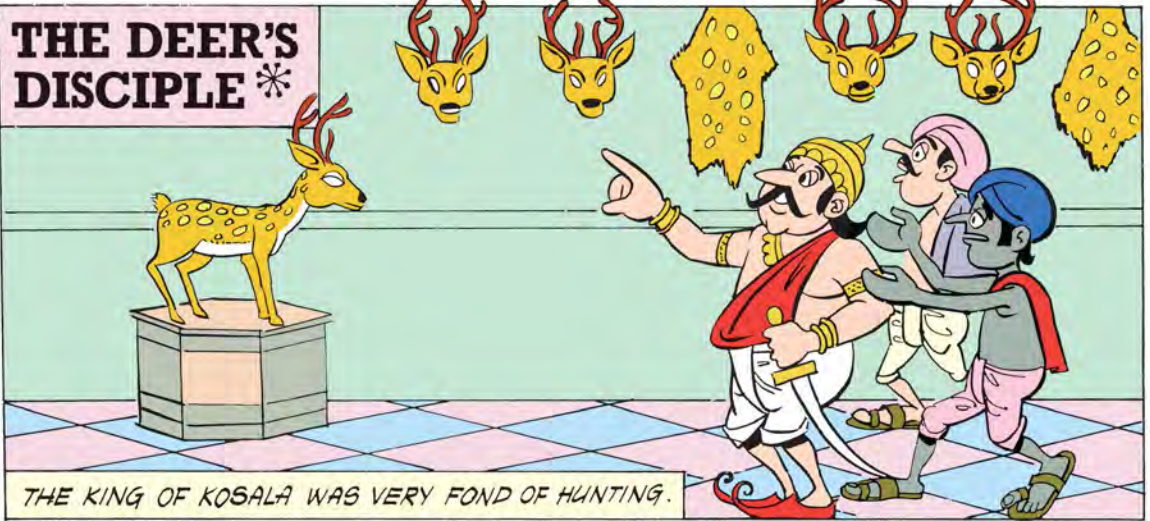








THE DEER'S DISCIPLE *



EVERY OTHER DAY HE WOULD GATHER HIS PEOPLE AND SET OUT ON A DEER HUNT.

COME, COME!
THE KING
WANTS
YOU.

BUT I HAVE
TO SOW MY
FIELD.

MY
COWS
HAVE TO
BE MILKED.

HOW DARE YOU
DISOBEY THE
KING'S COMMAND.
COME ALONG.

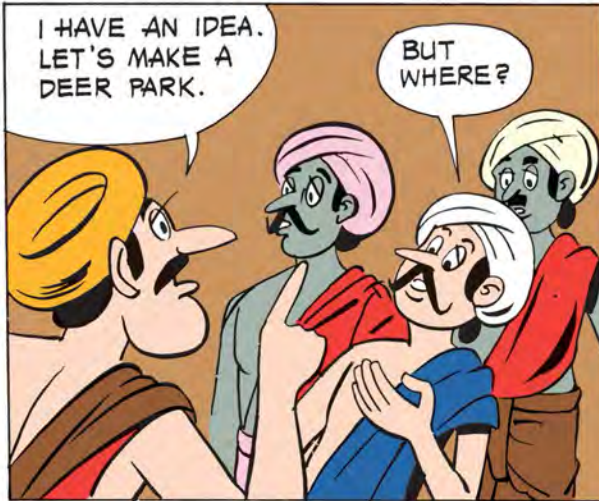
OH DEAR,
THESE DEER
HUNTS ARE
BECOMING
TOO MUCH.

WE GO AWAY
ALL DAY AND
OUR WORK
SUFFERS.

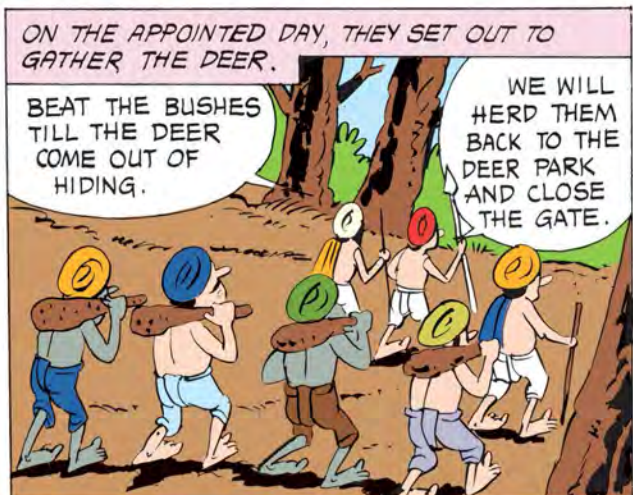
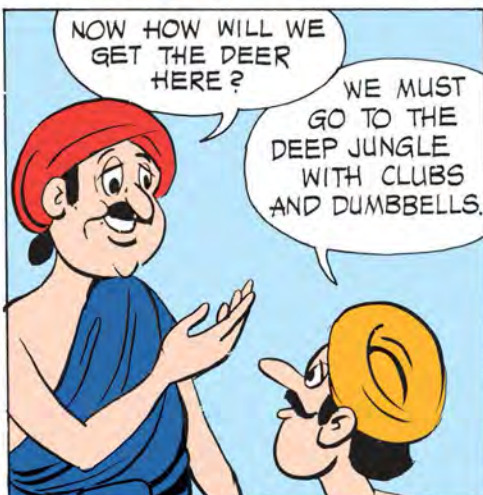
LET US THINK
OF A WAY OUT.

THEY PUT THEIR HEADS TOGETHER TO
FIND A SOLUTION.

IF ONLY THE
FOREST WASN'T
SO FAR OFF.



THE TOWNFOLK WORKED HARD TO GET THE DEER PARK
READY. TWO MONTHS LATER —

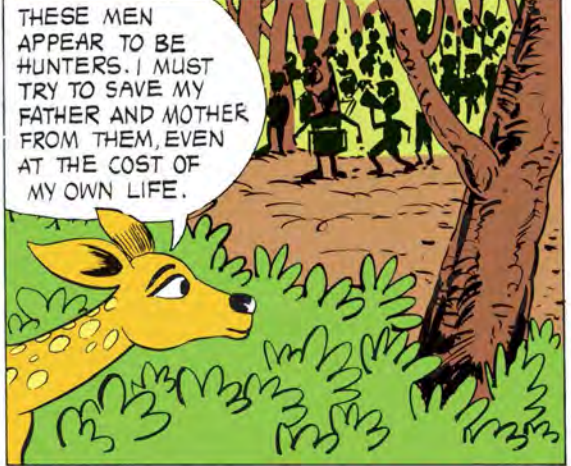


ARMED WITH WEAPONS AND ACCOMPANIED BY LOUD MUSIC, THE GROUP ENTERED THE JUNGLE.



A WISE YOUNG DEER NANDIYA SAW THE APPROACHING MOB.

THESE MEN APPEAR TO BE HUNTERS. I MUST TRY TO SAVE MY FATHER AND MOTHER FROM THEM, EVEN AT THE COST OF MY OWN LIFE.



HE RUSHED TO HIS PARENTS.

YOU TWO KEEP BEHIND THE SHRUBBERY. WHEN THE MEN COME IN THIS DIRECTION, I WILL SPRINT OUT. THE HUNTERS WILL COME AFTER ME.



AS HE HAD GUESSED, WHEN HE RAN OUT OF THE BUSHES, THE HUNTERS DID NOT SEARCH BEHIND HIM.

ANOTHER DEER CAME OUT FROM THIS BUSH. NOW LET US GO AHEAD.

GOOD! MY DEAR OLD PARENTS ARE SAVED.



ALONG WITH THE OTHER DEER WHO HAD BEEN ROUNDED UP, NANDIYA WAS LED TO THE NEW PARK.

COME, LET US TAKE THEM TO THE NEW PARK IN SAKET.

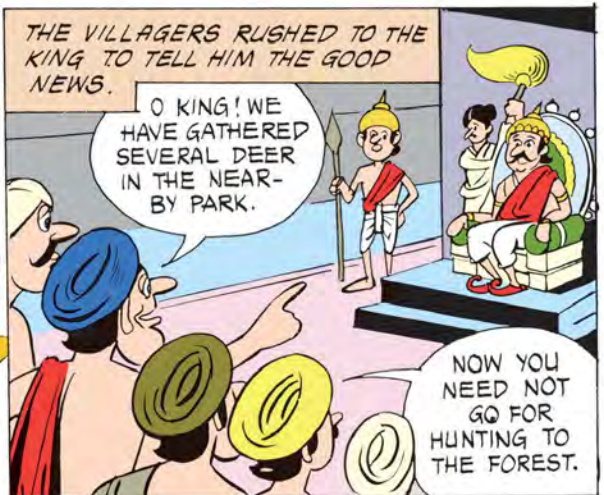
OUR SON IS BEING TAKEN TO SAKET.



THE VILLAGERS RUSHED TO THE KING TO TELL HIM THE GOOD NEWS.

O KING! WE HAVE GATHERED SEVERAL DEER IN THE NEAR-BY PARK.

NOW YOU NEED NOT GO FOR HUNTING TO THE FOREST.



THE DEER GATHERED IN THE PARK
REALISED THAT THEIR FATE WAS SEALED.



AN OLD DEER SUGGESTED AN IDEA.



NANDIYA'S TURN WAS YET TO COME. HE SPENT
HIS DAYS PEACEFULLY GRAZING IN THE PARK.
BUT HIS PARENTS IN THE JUNGLE MISSED HIM.
ONE DAY—



IN A HUMAN VOICE THEY CALLED
OUT TO THE TRAVELLER.



TELL HIM THAT HIS
AGED PARENTS
LONG TO
SEE HIM.

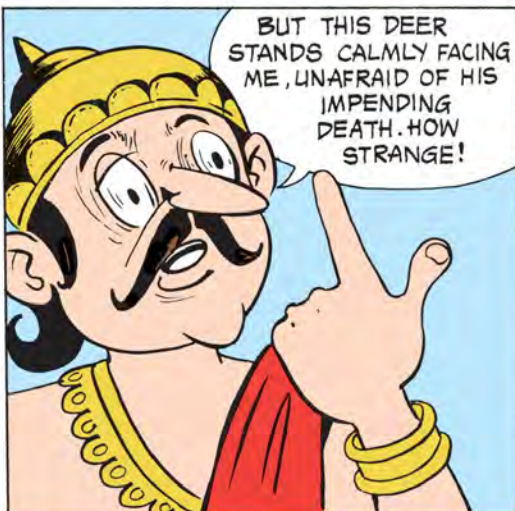
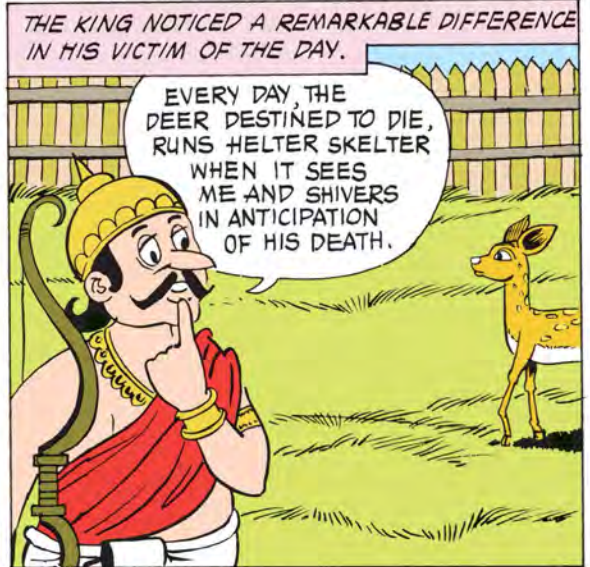
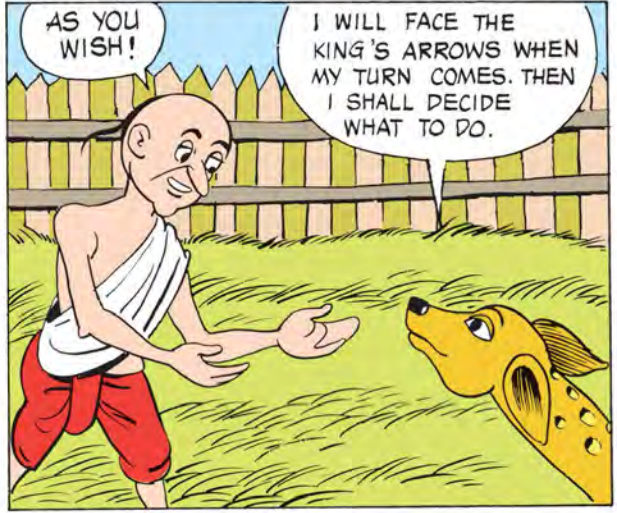
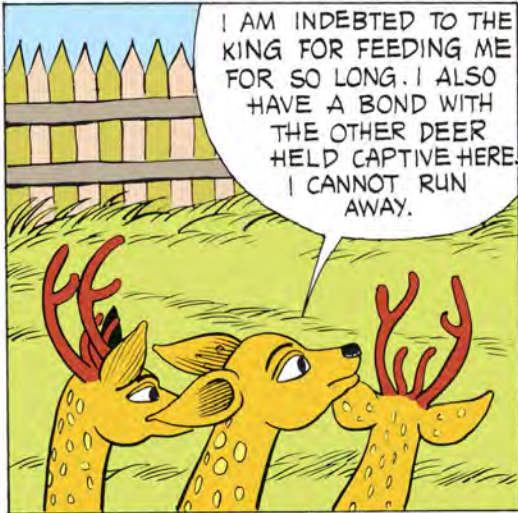


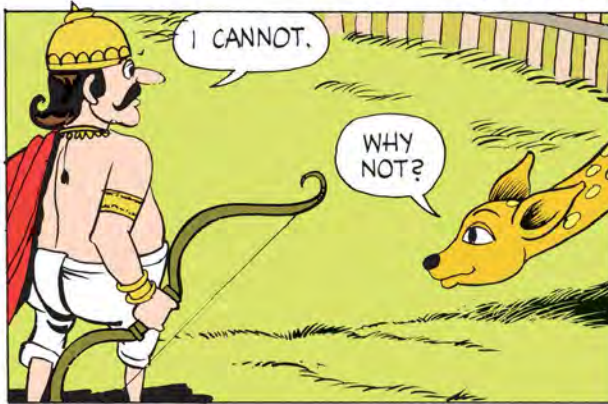
THE BRAHMIN STOPPED
AT THE DEER PARK.



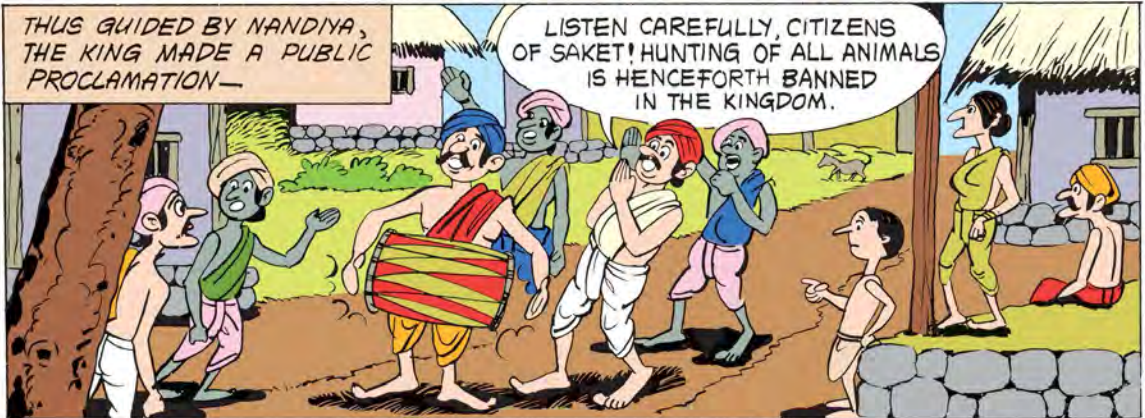
THE BRAHMIN REPEATED
THE MESSAGE.







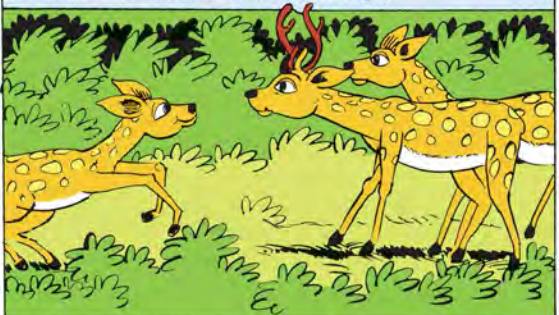
THUS GUIDED BY NANDIYA, THE KING MADE A PUBLIC PROCLAMATION—



FOR MANY DAYS, NANDIYA STAYED WITH THE KING, GIVING HIM WISE COUNSEL.

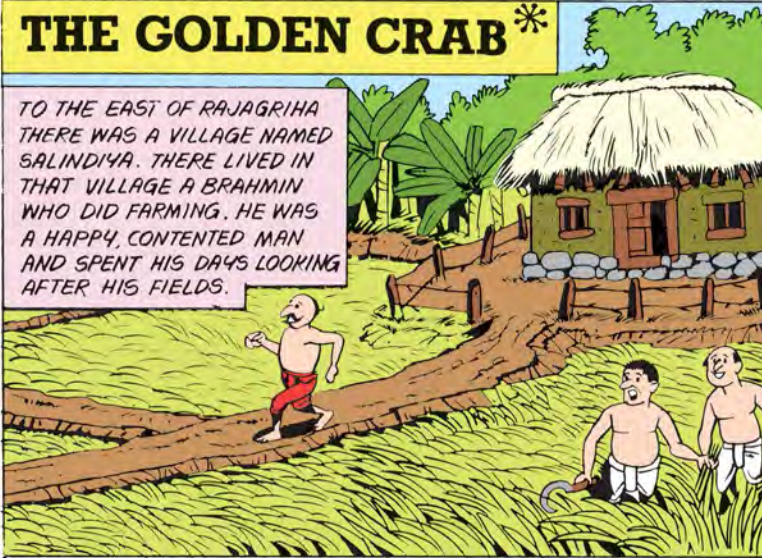


ONLY THEN DID NANDIYA RETURN TO THE JUNGLE TO MEET HIS PARENTS.



THE GOLDEN CRAB*

TO THE EAST OF RAJAGRIHA THERE WAS A VILLAGE NAMED SALINDIYA. THERE LIVED IN THAT VILLAGE A BRAHMIN WHO DID FARMING. HE WAS A HAPPY, CONTENTED MAN AND SPENT HIS DAYS LOOKING AFTER HIS FIELDS.

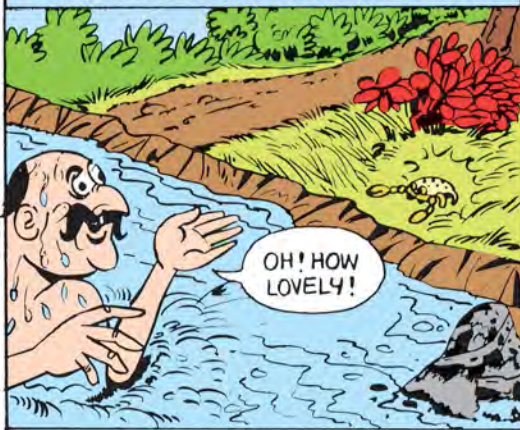


ONE DAY—

IT'S SUCH A HOT DAY. I WILL REFRESH MYSELF AT THE POND.



AS HE SPLASHED HIMSELF, HIS EYE FELL ON A BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN BABY CRAB.



OH! HOW LOVELY!

HE LIFTED THE CRAB AND PLACED IT GENTLY IN HIS SHAWL.

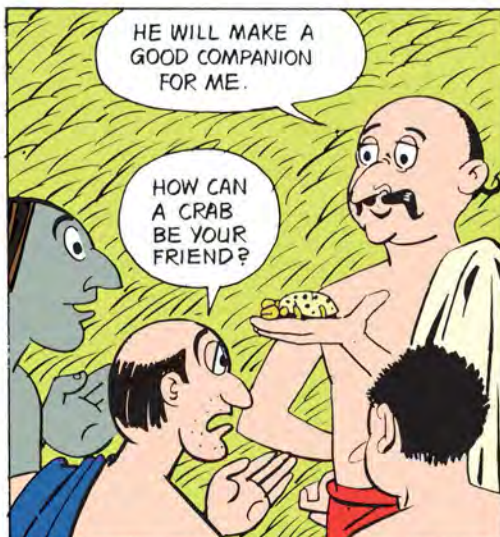


LOOK WHAT I FOUND.

A GOLDEN CRAB!

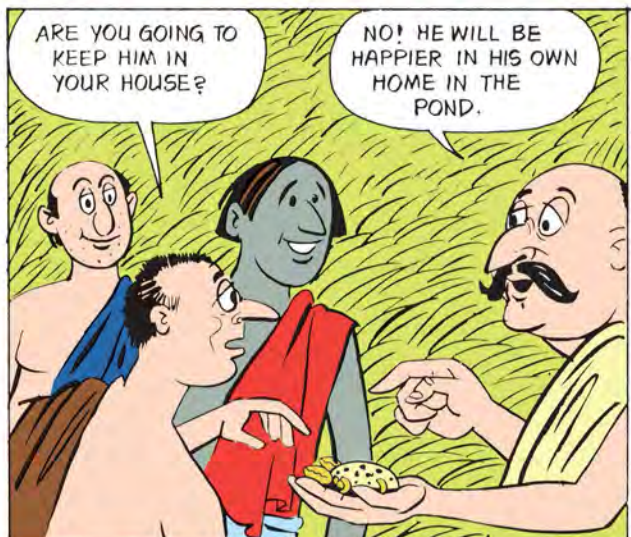
HE WILL MAKE A GOOD COMPANION FOR ME.

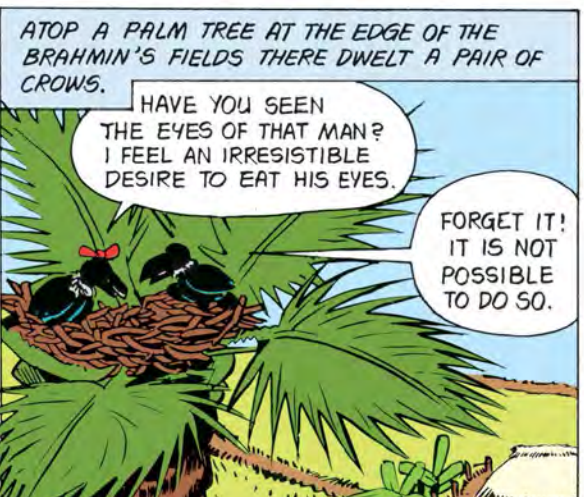
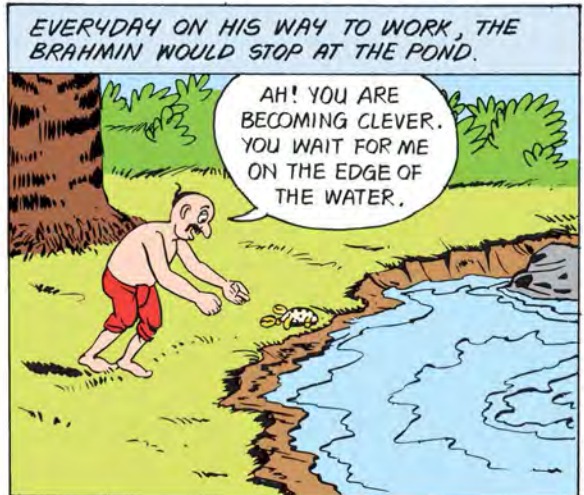
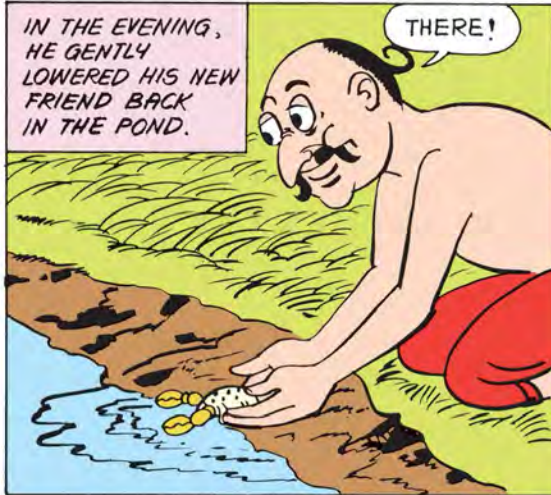
HOW CAN A CRAB BE YOUR FRIEND?



ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP HIM IN YOUR HOUSE?

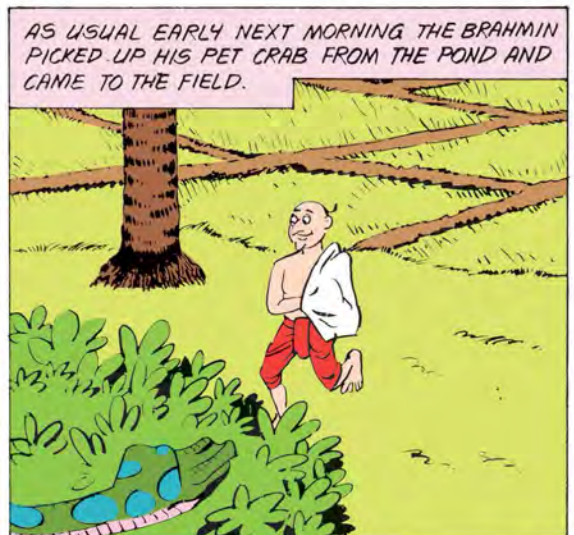
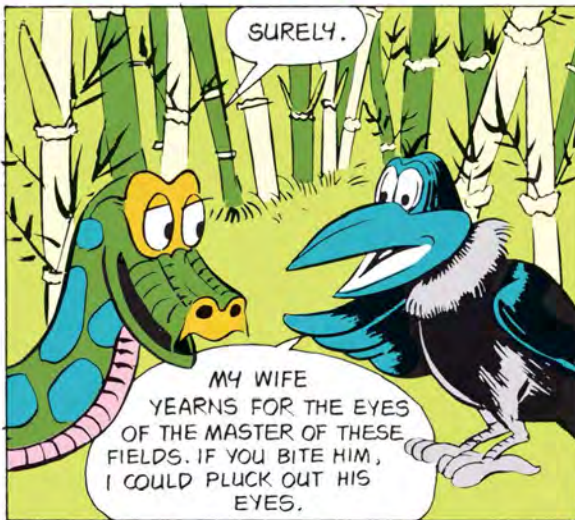
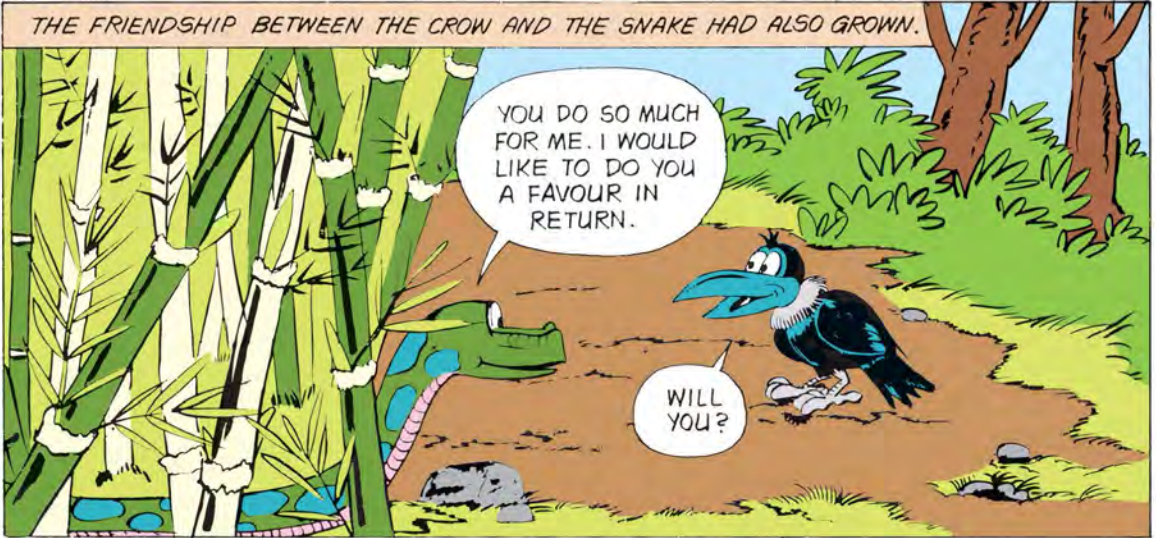
NO! HE WILL BE HAPPIER IN HIS OWN HOME IN THE POND.

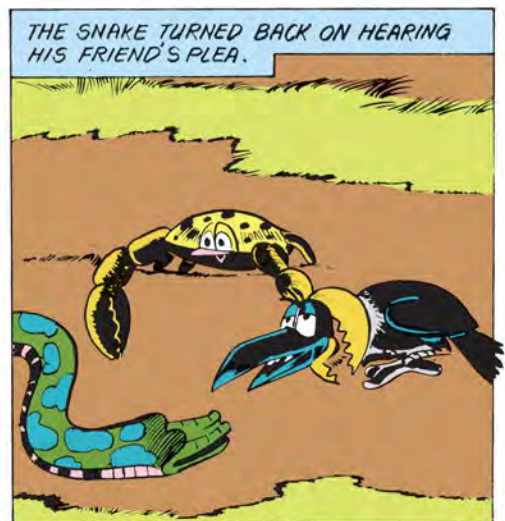
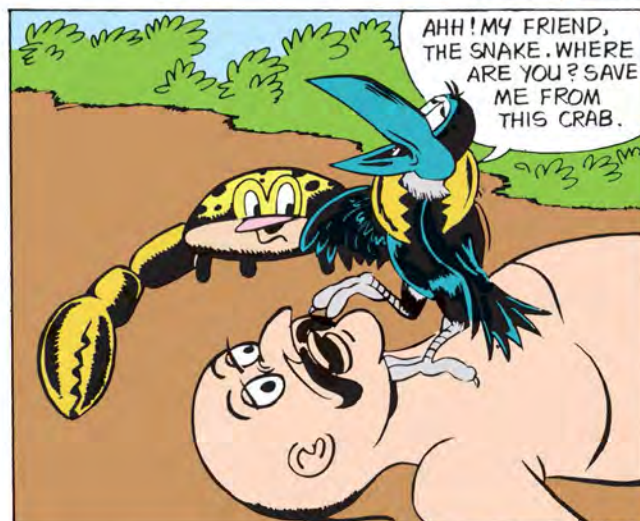
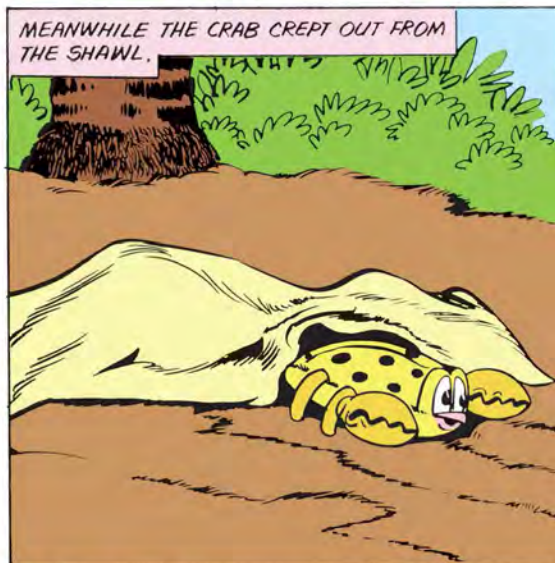
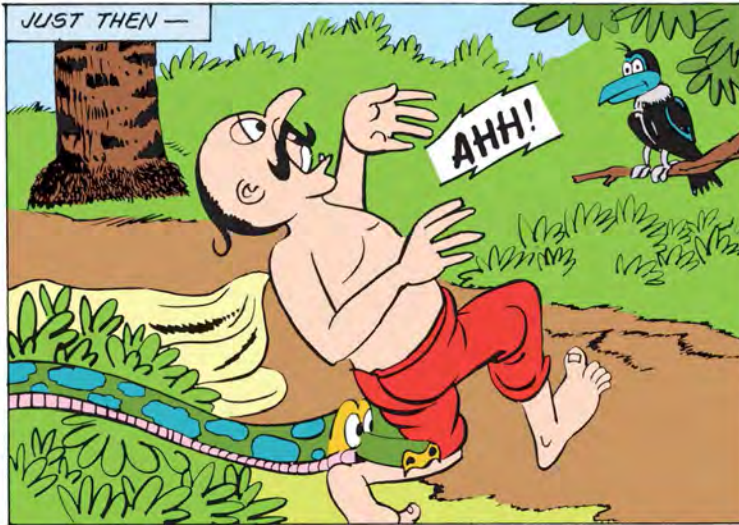




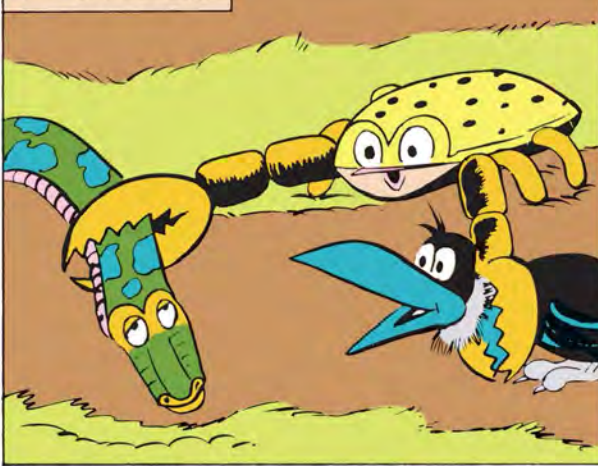


THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CROW AND THE SNAKE HAD ALSO GROWN.





BUT THE CRAB WAS QUICKER AND GRABBED THE SNAKE TOO.



YOU DON'T EAT EITHER CROW MEAT OR SNAKE MEAT. THEN WHY DID YOU CATCH US?



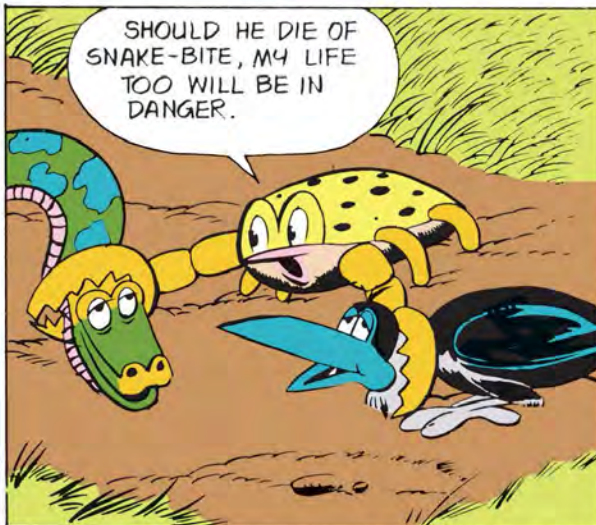
TO PREVENT YOU FROM HARMING THIS MAN WHO IS MY FRIEND AND PROTECTOR.



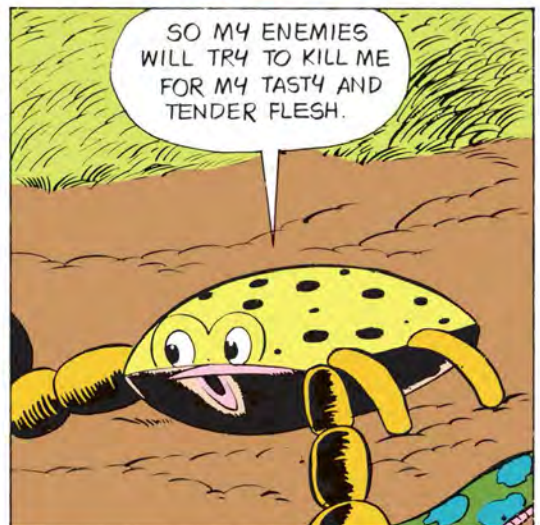
EVERYDAY HE BRINGS ME FROM THE POND AND LOOKS AFTER ME.



SHOULD HE DIE OF SNAKE-BITE, MY LIFE TOO WILL BE IN DANGER.



SO MY ENEMIES WILL TRY TO KILL ME FOR MY TASTY AND TENDER FLESH.

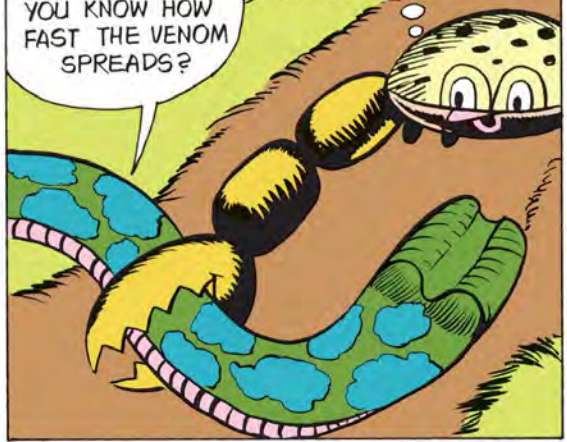


THE SNAKE TRIED TO FOOL THE CRAB.

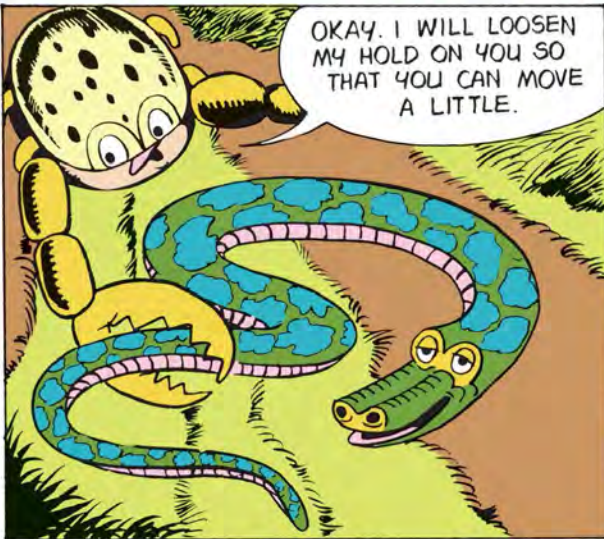


COME ON! HURRY UP AND FREE US. DON'T YOU KNOW HOW FAST THE VENOM SPREADS?

HE IS TRYING TO TRICK ME.



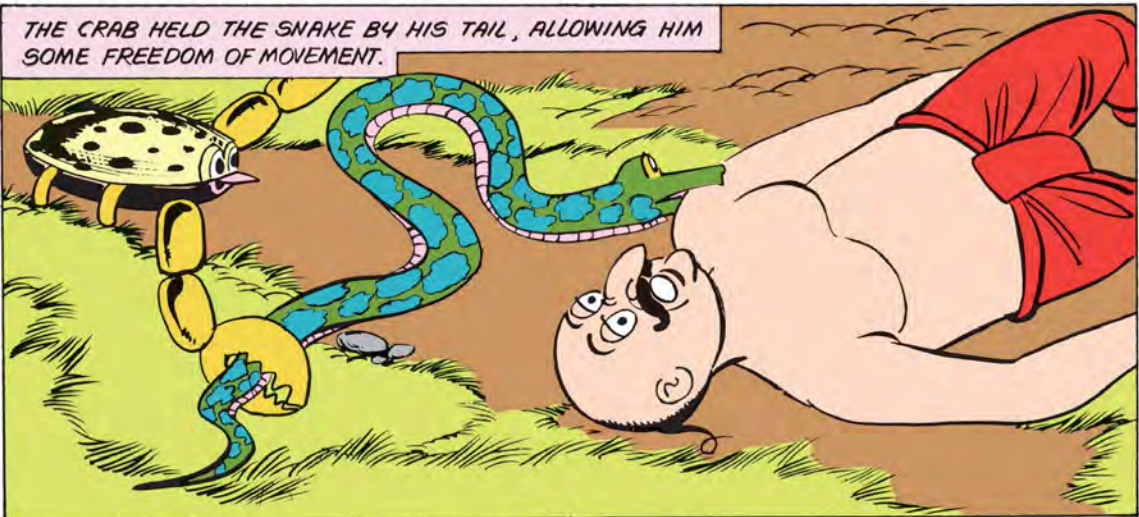
OKAY. I WILL LOOSEN MY HOLD ON YOU SO THAT YOU CAN MOVE A LITTLE.



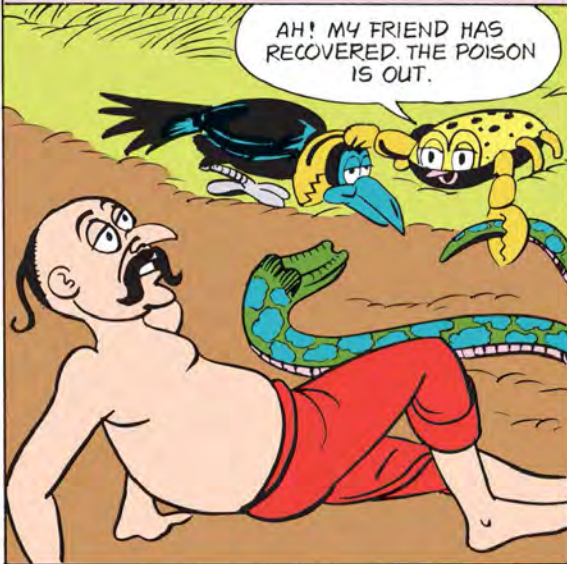
BUT I SHALL NOT LET THE CROW GO TILL YOU CURE MY FRIEND.



THE CRAB HELD THE SNAKE BY HIS TAIL, ALLOWING HIM SOME FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.



WHEN THE SNAKE SUCKED BACK ALL THE VENOM FROM THE BRAHMIN'S BODY —



THE SHE-CROW TOO FLEW OFF.



BY THEN, THE HELPERS CAME TO THE FIELD.



THE SNAKE BIT ME AND THE CROW WAS ABOUT TO TAKE OUT MY EYES.



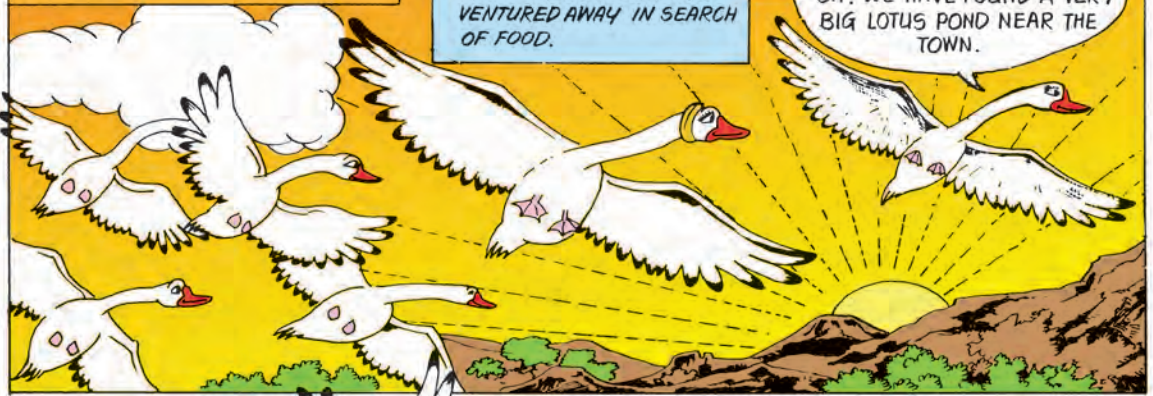
BUT MY FRIEND THE CRAB, SAVED MY LIFE.



THE FAITHFUL SUMUKHA *

LONG AGO, WHILE KING SAKULA RULED IN THE KINGDOM OF MAHINSAK, THERE DWELT A LARGE HERD OF SWANS IN A CAVE ON MOUNT CHITRAKOOT. ONE DAY SOME SWANS VENTURED AWAY IN SEARCH OF FOOD.

OH! WE HAVE FOUND A VERY BIG LOTUS POND NEAR THE TOWN.



IT IS CALLED MANUSIYA.

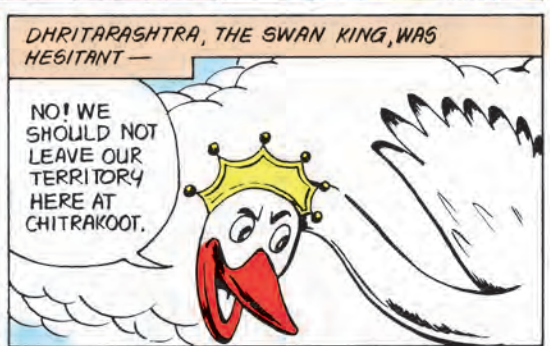
IT IS LOVELY. FIVE TYPES OF LOTUS GROW IN IT.

IT WOULD BE AN IDEAL PLACE FOR US TO FEED OURSELVES.



DHRITARASHTRA, THE SWAN KING, WAS HESITANT —

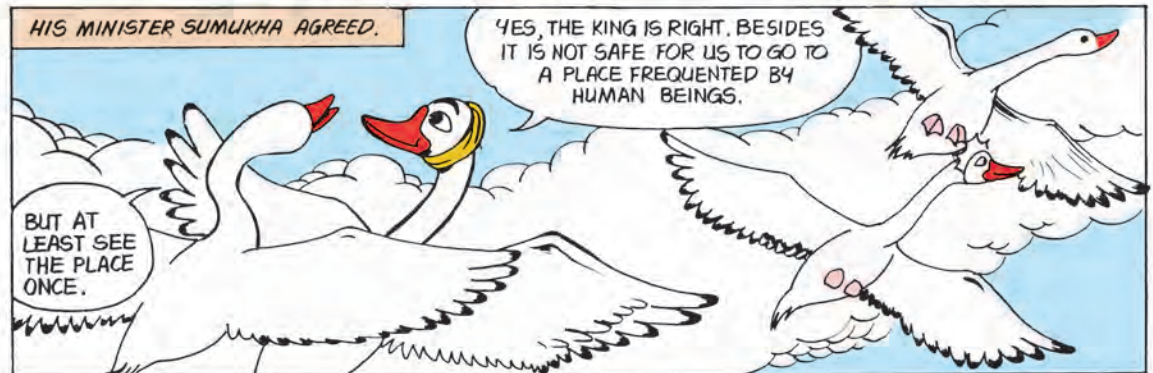
NO! WE SHOULD NOT LEAVE OUR TERRITORY HERE AT CHITRAKOOT.



HIS MINISTER SUMUKHA AGREED.

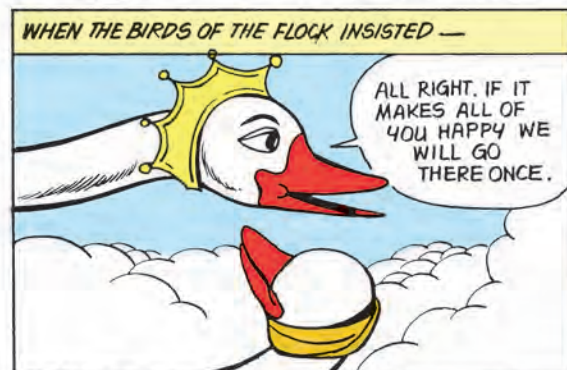
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BUT AT LEAST SEE THE PLACE ONCE.



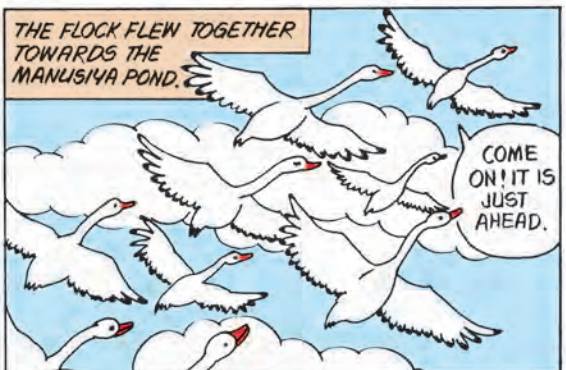
WHEN THE BIRDS OF THE FLOCK INSISTED —

ALL RIGHT. IF IT MAKES ALL OF YOU HAPPY WE WILL GO THERE ONCE.

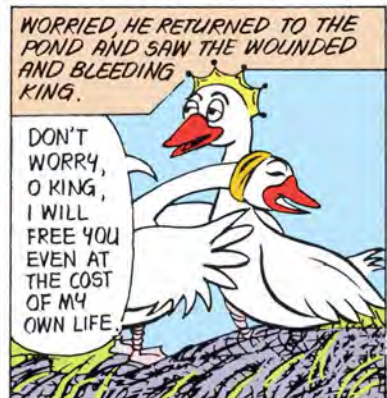
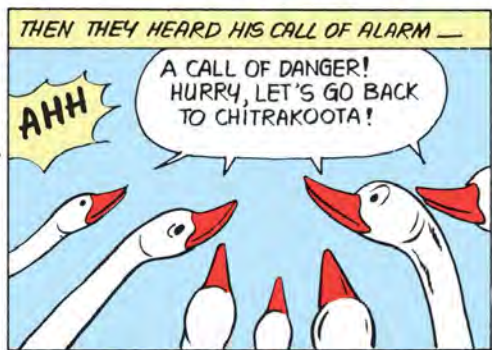
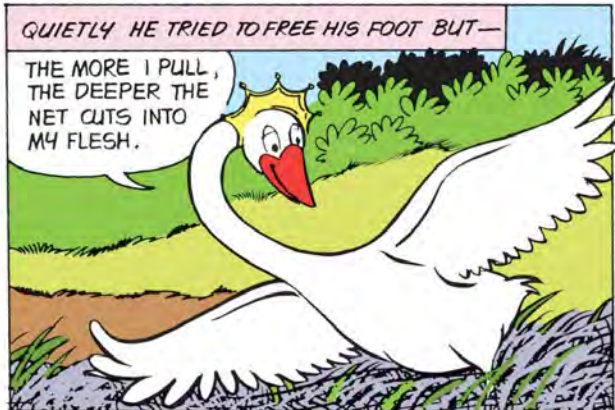
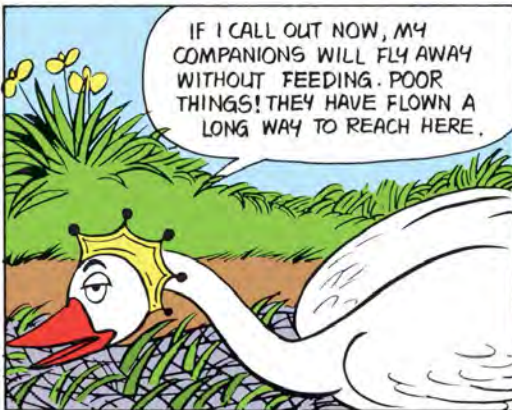


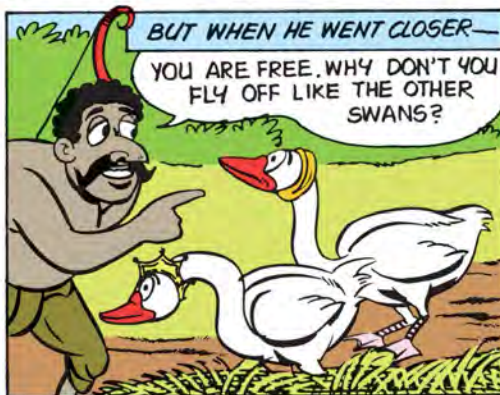
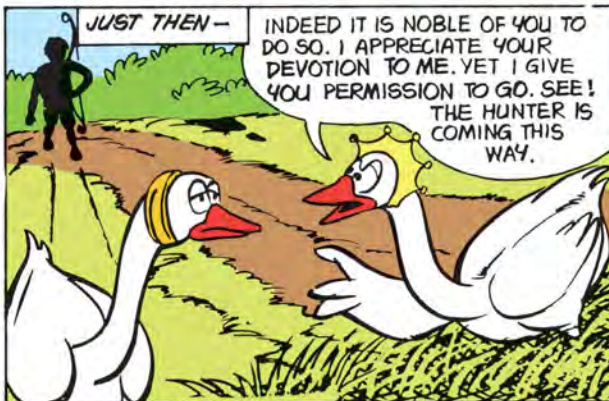
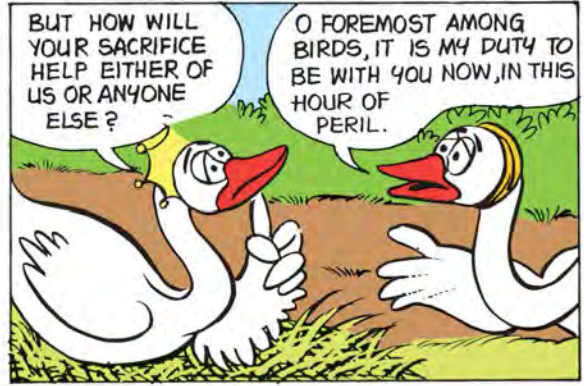
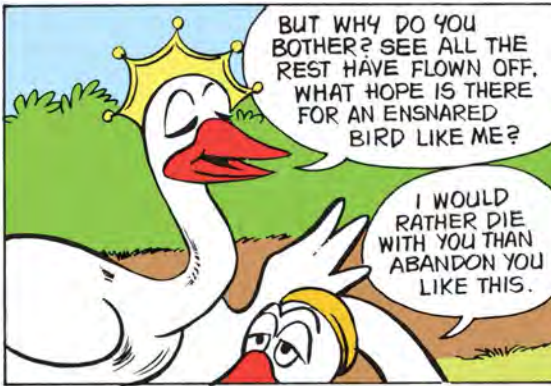
THE FLOCK FLEW TOGETHER TOWARDS THE MANUSIYA POND.

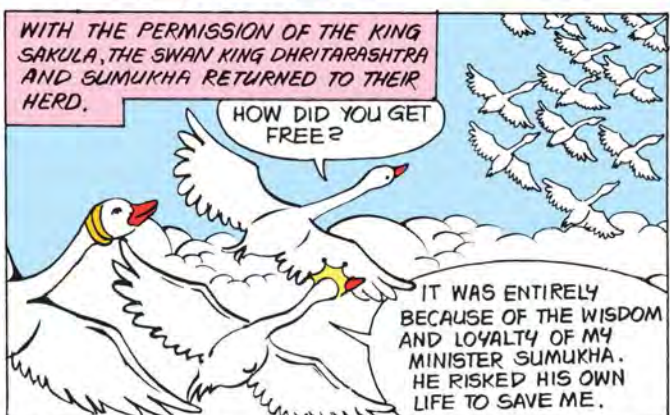
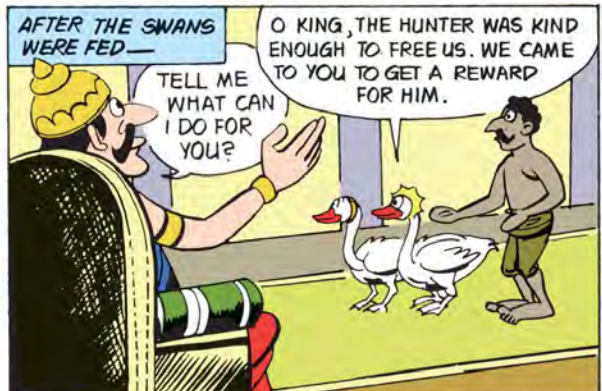
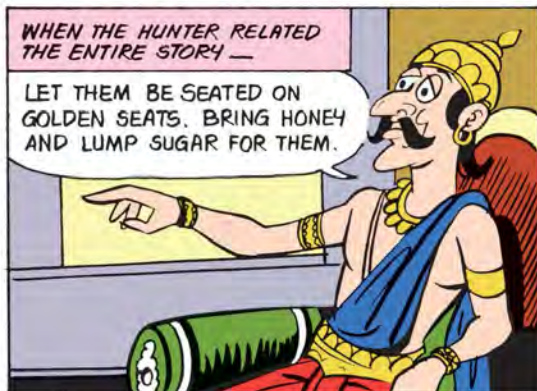
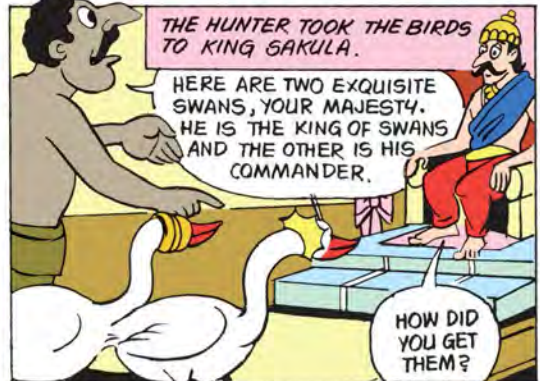
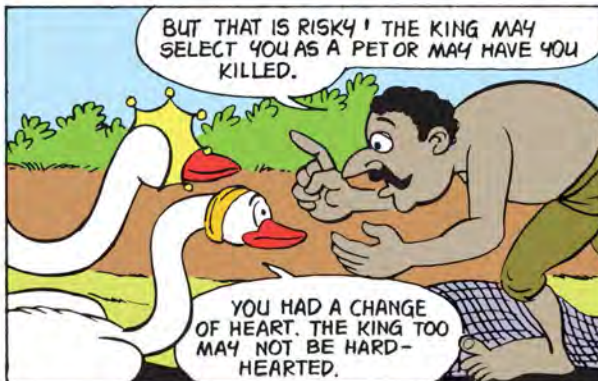
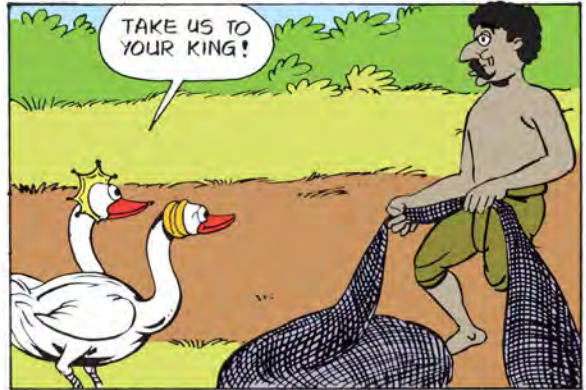
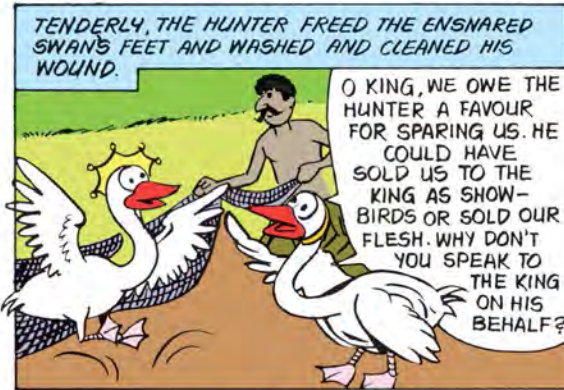
COME ON! IT IS JUST AHEAD.



SINCE MANY BIRDS USED TO FREQUENT THE LAKE, IT WAS A FAVOURITE SPOT OF BIRD HUNTERS TOO. WHEN THE FLOCK FLEW DOWN TO THE LAKE, THE SWAN KING FOUND HIS FEET CAUGHT IN A HUNTER'S NET.







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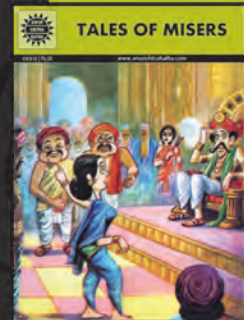
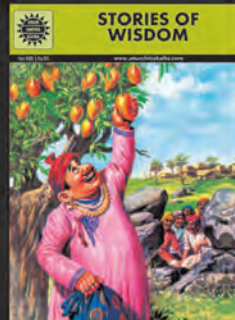
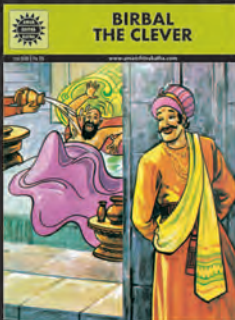


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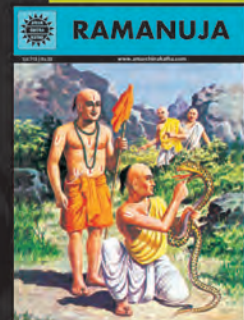
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